# **Appendix C**

**Writing Scoring Rubrics** 

## **Grade 3 Writing Scoring Rubrics**

<b>Rubric Elements</b>	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited	Unrelated
			Evidence	Evidence
Organization – The narrative establishes a situation (i.e., activity and setting) and includes a character with relevant descriptive statements. The response provides a conclusion.	The narrative includes at a minimum:  character and situation (activity and setting)  two descriptions related to a character  a conclusion that connects to the situation	The narrative includes at a minimum:  character and situation (activity or setting)  one description related to a character  a conclusion that may not connect to the situation	The narrative includes at a minimum some evidence related to a character, details or descriptive words related to a character, situation, or conclusion.	There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.
Idea Development – The narrative includes a sequence of events that unfold naturally and develops the story using temporal words.	The narrative includes at a minimum:  two sequenced events related to the situation both events include a detail appropriate use of temporal words that signal order of events	The narrative includes at a minimum:  one event related to the situation  an event that includes a detail  one temporal word that may or may not be used appropriately	The narrative includes at a minimum an event related to the situation.	There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.
Conventions – Students use standard English conventions (subjectverb agreement).	The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:  capitalization at the beginning of each thought unit end punctuation for more than one thought unit one simple sentence that contains subject-verb agreement	The narrative includes at a minimum two of the following:  capitalization to begin one thought unit end punctuation for one thought unit one simple sentence with or without subject-verb agreement	The narrative includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.	There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.

## **Grade 3 Writing Scoring Rubrics**

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
Organization – The narrative establishes a situation (i.e., activity and setting) and includes a character with relevant descriptive statements. The response provides a conclusion.	The narrative includes at a minimum:  character and situation (activity and setting)  a concluding statement that connects to the situation	The narrative includes at a minimum:  character and situation (activity or setting)  a concluding statement that may not connect to the situation	The narrative includes at a minimum some evidence related to a character, situation or conclusion.	There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.
Idea Development – The narrative includes a sequence of events that unfold naturally and develops the story using temporal words.	The narrative includes at a minimum:  a sequence of two events related to the situation both events include a detail	The narrative includes at a minimum:  one event that related to the situation an event that includes a detail	The narrative includes at a minimum an event related to the situation.	There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.
Conventions – Students use standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).	The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:  — end punctuation for more than one thought unit  — one simple sentence with subject-verb agreement	The narrative includes at a minimum:  — end punctuation for one thought unit  — one simple sentence with or without subject-verb agreement	The narrative includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.	There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.

## **Grade 4 Writing Scoring Rubric**

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
Organization – The narrative establishes a situation (i.e., activity or setting) and includes a character. The response provides a conclusion.	The narrative includes at a minimum:  character and situation a concluding statement that connects to the situation	The narrative includes at a minimum:  character and situation a concluding statement that may not connect to the situation	The narrative includes at a minimum some evidence related to a character, situation, or conclusion.	There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.
Idea Development – The narrative includes a description of events using concrete words or sensory details (e.g., adverbs, adjectives, clause, or prepositional phrase) related to the events.	The narrative includes at a minimum:  two events related to the situation both events include a detail related to character's action or response to a situation	The narrative includes at a minimum:  one event related to the situation one event includes a detail related to character's action or response to a situation	The narrative includes at a minimum an event related to the situation.	There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.
Conventions – Students use standard English conventions (e.g., subjectverb agreement).	The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:  end punctuation to end more than one thought unit  one complete sentence with subject-verb agreement	The narrative includes at a minimum:  end punctuation to end one thought unit  one complete sentence with or without subject-verb agreement	The narrative includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.	There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.

# **Grade 5 Writing Scoring Rubric**

<b>Rubric Elements</b>	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited	Unrelated
			Evidence	Evidence
Organization – The narrative establishes a situation (i.e., activity and setting) for the story and includes characters. The response provides a conclusion.	The narrative includes at a minimum:  two characters unchanged through narrative establish a situation (i.e., activity and setting) a concluding statement that connects to the situation	The narrative includes at a minimum:  two characters a setting or activity a concluding statement that may not connect to the situation	The narrative includes at a minimum some evidence related to a character, situation, or conclusion.	There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.
Idea Development – The narrative includes dialogue, and events supported with relevant details and descriptive statements.	The narrative includes at a minimum:  two events that connect to the narrative both events include a detail related to character's action or response to a situation one dialogue statement from one character to the other character relevant to the narrative	The narrative includes at a minimum:  one event related to characters' action/response to a situation  one event includes a detail related to character's action or response to a situation  one dialogue statement from one character to the other character which may not be relevant to the narrative	The narrative includes at a minimum an event related to the situation.	There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.
Conventions – Students use standard English conventions (subject- verb agreement).	The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:  — end punctuation for more than one thought unit — one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement	The essay includes at a minimum:  end punctuation for one thought unit  one complete sentence with or without subject/verb agreement	The narrative includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.	There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.

# **Grade 6 Writing Scoring Rubric**

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
Organization – The essay addresses a specified topic and is organized to describe two opposing conditions (e.g., compare/contrast).	The essay includes at a minimum:  an introduction that states the essay is about two opposing conditions  a body that includes:  o one activity for each of the two opposing conditions; and  o one activity common to both conditions  a conclusion that states two opposing conditions or summarizes the content	The essay includes at a minimum:  an introduction that states one activity or topic  a body that relates two conditions with activities  a conclusion that states an activity or the topic	The essay includes at a minimum some evidence related to the specified topic (i.e., introduction, compare/contrast relationship, or conclusion).	There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.
Idea Development — The essay develops a topic, includes relevant facts and details to promote meaning and create clarity.	The essay includes at a minimum:  three activities, each with relevant details (the same detail may be used for all activities if relevant to each)	The essay includes at a minimum:  one activity with a relevant detail	The essay includes at a minimum a detail that describes an activity.	There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.
Conventions – Students use standard English conventions (subjectverb agreement).	The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:  end punctuation for more than one thought unit  one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement	The essay includes at a minimum:  — end punctuation for one thought unit — one complete sentence with or without subject/verb agreement	The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.	There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.

# **Grade 7 Writing Rubric**

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
Organization – The essay addresses a specified topic and is organized with an effect related directly to a cause (e.g., cause/effect).	The essay includes at a minimum:  introduction that states the topic/cause  a body that relates the effect to the provided cause  a conclusion that states the essay is about a cause and its effect	The essay includes at a minimum:  introduction that states the topic/cause  a body that includes an effect that may not relate to the provided cause  a conclusion that states a cause or the effect	The essay includes at a minimum some evidence related to the specified topic (i.e., introduction, cause/effect relationship, or conclusion)	There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.
Idea Development – The essay develops a topic, includes details to promote meaning and create clarity.	The essay includes at a minimum:  a relevant detail to describe the effect	The essay includes at a minimum:  one effect with no relevant detail	The essay includes at a minimum a related idea to the effect.	There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.
Conventions – Students use standard English conventions (subjectverb agreement).	The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:  — end punctuation for more than one thought unit — one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement	The essay includes at a minimum:  end punctuation for one thought unit  one complete sentence with or without subject/verb agreement	The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.	There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.

## **Grade 8 Writing Scoring Rubric**

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
Organization – The essay addresses the specified topic and is organized with a solution related directly to the problem (e.g., problem/solution).	The essay includes at a minimum:  an introduction that states both parts of the problem  a body that relates how the solution can be applied to the problem  a conclusion that states the problem and the solution	The essay includes at a minimum:  an introduction that states the problem  one solution that may not relate to the problem  a conclusion that states the problem or the solution	The essay includes at a minimum some evidence related to the specified topic (i.e., introduction, on-topic problem/solution relationship, or conclusion).	There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.
Idea Development – The essay develops a topic, includes details to promote meaning and create clarity.	The essay includes at a minimum:  a relevant detail to describe the problem  a relevant detail to describe the solution	The essay includes at a minimum:  a relevant detail to describe the problem or the solution	The essay includes at a minimum a detail or word that describes the problem or the solution.	There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.
Conventions – Students use standard English conventions (subject/verb agreement).	The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:  — end punctuation for more than one thought unit — one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement	The essay includes at a minimum:  output end punctuation for one thought unit output one complete sentence with or without subject/verb agreement	The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.	There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.

## **Grade 11 Writing Scoring Rubrics**

<b>Rubric Elements</b>	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited	Unrelated
			Evidence	Evidence
Organization – The essay addresses a specified claim supported with organized complex ideas.	The essay includes at a minimum:  an introduction that states the claim and a rational reason  a conclusion that states the claim and the rational reason	The essay includes at a minimum:  □ an introduction that states the claim or a reason  □ a conclusion that states the claim or the reason	The essay includes at a minimum some evidence related to the specified claim/topic (i.e., introduction, claim/topic, or conclusion).	There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.
Idea Development – The defended claim includes relevant evidence, and uses words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationship among claim, reasons and evidence	The essay includes at a minimum:  the body includes two relevant facts or examples words or phrases to connect the reason with one relevant facts or example	The essay includes at a minimum:  the body includes only one relevant fact or example  word or phrases to connect the reason with one fact or example	The essay includes at a minimum a word related to the reason.	There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.
Conventions – Students use standard English conventions (subject- verb agreement).	The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:  end punctuation for more than one thought unit  one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement using student-generated text	The essay includes at a minimum:  □ end punctuation for one thought unit  □ one complete sentence with or without subject/verb agreement using student-generated text	The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.	There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.